

CADETS DRILL WELL, BUT CANNOT SHOOT

**Veteran Officer Criticizes
Tactics Now in Use.
SHOULD BE GIVEN PRACTICE**

**Old Formations and Ancient Guns and
Powder There—Says Boys Ought
to Have Krags.**

A few weeks ago a sham battle was fought on the White Lot, the large oval space back of the White House. The regiment of Washington High School Cadets was divided into two opposing and contested gallantly for the possession of the disputed ground.

Charging and retreating, rallying and recharging, their glittering accoutrements, fluttering flags, glistening swords and bayonets, waved by eager hands and backed by earnest youthful faces, combined to render the sight inspiring. "That is all very well," said a grizzled veteran of two wars, whose shoulder straps denoted his high position; "but it is not to think that probably 90 per cent of these young men who are so gallantly popping away at each other, if put to test, could not, to use the hackneyed expression, 'hit a flock of barns' at a hundred yards."

Couldn't Shoot.
The general probably put the matter too strongly, but there is undeniably a basis for his statement. While no statistics are available, it is more than probable that the young cadets, who made so brave a show on that occasion and who displayed such a commendable knowledge of military tactics, be called upon to fire rapidly and accurately at an enemy 300, 500, or 1,000 yards away, they would be at a loss to proceed.

Yet the complaint of the veteran officer could not properly be laid against the cadets, for, doubtless, they would have been more than pleased to familiarize themselves with the use of the army rifle and ammunition, and to become at least fair marksmen, had an opportunity been afforded them. And in all parts of the country there are other sham battles fought where the participants are quite ignorant of rifle shooting.

Marksmanship Neglected.

To the casual observer, it is argued, there would seem to be something wrong about a plan that provided only out-of-date guns and black powder for the training of the youth of the country, that taught hundreds of boys at expensive military schools and colleges receiving a Government subsidy, how to drill, to march, to make camp, and everything else a soldier should know except how to shoot.

Congress in March, 1903, enacted a law providing for the national board for the promotion of military practice, to be composed of twenty-one members, civilian and military, who should be charged with the duty of devising plans to encourage all citizens, and especially the youth of the country, to learn to shoot and to shoot straight.

Still in rifle and revolver shooting is counted as eight points in ten of efficiency, and yet in military schools, the National Guard, and in crack military companies, more attention is paid to evolutions and the manual of arms than to rifle and revolver practice.

Lack of Range.

The decline in the average marksmanship of American youth, observers say, is directly traceable to the lack of suitable ranges, both indoor and out, and the national board has turned its attention to arousing the interest of instructors and students in the military schools throughout the country in this subject of rifle and revolver practice, with a view of securing adequate ranges.

There are eighty-nine universities and military colleges assigned as professors of military science, and it would be interesting to know how many of these have rifle ranges.

There are four colleges in Pennsylvania to which army officers are detailed as instructors.

The board advances a number of propositions for the consideration of the War Department and of Congress, as well as of the heads of the various schools. It points out that the very little expense is attached to the construction of a rifle range, and that the construction of such a range should be taken to see that special public and private schools throughout the country are equipped with such a range.

Especially does this apply to those institutions to which army officers are detailed.

Krags for Boys.

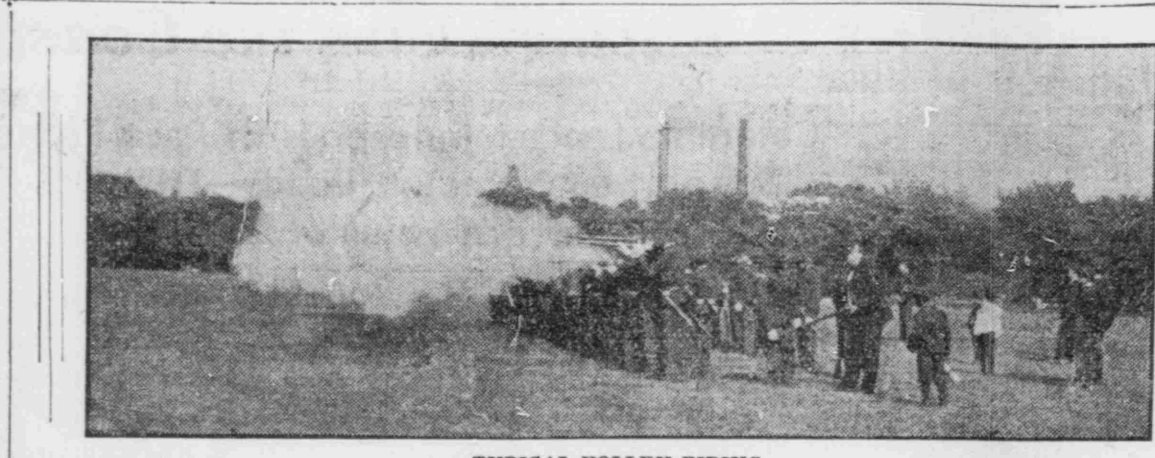
It is further recommended that these schools be required to provide a range of at least 200 yards, and preferably 500 yards, and that the State ranges should be thrown open to all the schools under suitable regulations.

It is impossible to equip all the schools with the regulation rifle used in the army, but the board recommends that the Krag carbines, which will be soon discarded by the United States cavalry, should be divided among the schools so that each pupil should be able to obtain a working knowledge of the arm.

In order to encourage the students to take an active interest in this proposition the board suggests that a number of classes should be instituted as "sharpshooters," "junior sharpshooters," "marksmen," and "junior marksmen," being boys of less than fifteen years of age.

A special effort is to be made by the National Rifle Association of America, which is co-operating with the national board, to interest members of the Y. M. C. A.'s throughout the country in this subject with a view of forming rifle clubs as a part of their organizations and the carrying on of rifle practice under their auspices.

MARKSMANSHIP OF CADETS



TYPICAL VOLLEY FIRING.
Scene on the White House Lot Showing Antiquated Tactics in Use.

AFTER EXPLODED CARTRIDGES



Scores of Urchins Struggling for Brass Shells Thrown Away by Cadets.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH TO HAVE LAWN FETE

**Prominent Catholics to Take Part in Affair to Raise Money
for a New Edifice—Vote for President.**

The members of St. Martin's parish will give a lawn fete on the grounds adjoining the church, at North Capitol and T Streets, during the week beginning September 5 for the purpose of raising funds preparatory to the erection of a new church. Active preparations are being made to make it a success. The following committee have been appointed, in addition to those who have volunteered to assist at the various booths and tables:

Executive committee—Mr. Shea, chairman, assisted by the members of the Holy Name Society and Messrs. Joseph F. Marsden, sr., Frizzell, T. J. Clark, Raymond Clark, Neagle, John Gaghan, Judge, Leo Finn, Koonce, Simpson, Clements, Ward, Schwartz, McDonough, J. E. Burns, McDonald, Sylvester, J. P. McDonough, J. D. Clark, J. A. Dondero, Gunning, and Cabany.

Auxiliary committee—R. McDonald, chairman, assisted by Messrs. Venable, Thorpe, Connelly, Mellon, Jones, Lynch, M. King, Robison, Goddard, R. L. Dondero, Ochsenreiter, McCarthy and Scullin.

Committee on grounds and tables—J. J. Neagle, chairman, assisted by Messrs. Schwartz, Connor, Hammond, J. G. McKelvey, Lewis, Maguire, John King, John Foley, Floecker, John J. Mcenan, John Gaghan, Carr, James Gaghan, Finn, Carey, Raul, Carrara, Riley, Frank Clark, Happ, Molloy, Loftus and Schildt.

Those Who Will Entertain.

Committee on entertainment—J. A. Dondero, chairman, assisted by Messrs. Thorpe, Brady, Kane, Lewis Burns, Leo Finn, Moore, O'Connell, McDonald, O'Leary, Gray, Van Sproon, J. Fred Fitzpatrick, Dr. Foley, Mullen, Dr. Pairo, Cassidy, Goodchild, Brennan.

Reception committee—Wm. J. Frizzell, chairman, assisted by McNery, Cleary, Wall, J. D. Clark, Thomas Clark, Frank Clark, Sullivan, Iapp, Goodchild, Lovell, Carr, Gaghan, Joseph Clark, Kilburg, Gasch, Walsh, Dr. Allen, Brown, Cornwell, Carey, Johnson, Ferris, Burke, Sullivan, McLaughlin, Molloy, Cardon, Pyse, M. King, Finn.

Committee on paddle stand—T. Roenig, chairman, assisted by Messrs. Gunning, Shea, O'Connell, Moore, John King, Leo Finn, Yates, Mellon, Ferris, Frizzell, R. T. Clark, R. McDonald, J. G. Simpson, J. P. Marsden, Kane, Brandy, Marsden, Dondero, Neagle, McDonald, McDonald.

Committee on program—T. E. Clements, chairman, assisted by J. S. McDonald, R. T. Clark, McDonald, J. Foley, Neagle, Sylvester.

Committee on dancing—Raymond T. Clark, chairman, assisted by Leo Finn, Frank Clark, Mullen, Cleary, J. Fred Fitzpatrick, Waple, Howell, Raul, Dr. Foley, Roach, Cousins, Walsh, Dondero, Connor.

Press committee—James S. McDonough, chairman, assisted by Messrs. Frizzell, R. T. Clark, R. McDonald, J. G. Simpson, J. P. Marsden, Kane, Brandy, Marsden, Dondero, Neagle, McDonald, McDonald.

Committee on decorations—Mr. Simpson, chairman, assisted by M. King, Clements, Brown, J. Fred Fitzpatrick, Sylvester.

The miscellaneous booth, lunch table, and lemonade stand will be the guests of the members of the Catholic

Relief and Beneficiary Association. Mrs. Thomas J. Clark will have charge of the miscellaneous booth, assisted by Messrs. Rolland, Neagle, J. Clark, Koonce, Brennan, McNery, Malone, Gates, Tucker, Sweeney, McNeary, Sullivan, Willis, Shingland, Byrne, Montgomery, Wheeler, E. Clark, Barrett, Donahue, Lemonade stand under Mrs. Charles Peck, assisted by Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Dooley, Misses Agnes McKenny, N. McKenny, Gleason, M. Clark, K. Boland, McMenamin, S. McMenamin, Thompson, Struth, Ginnell, Phillips, R. Phillips, Wheeler, Sands.

Dairy lunch stand, under the charge of Thomas J. Clark, assisted by Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. Walsh, Dr. Mulachy, Mr. Judge, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Byrne, Mr. McNeary, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Shawon, Mr. Hoyerberg, T. E. Clements.

The gym tent will be occupied by Miss May Poland.

Cigar stand an amusement gallery under charge of Mrs. R. E. Burns, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Burns, R. H. Burns, Mrs. Pairo, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Delane, Mrs. Quinn, Misses B. Price, E. Price, M. McClure, M. Ready, G. Burns, M. Davis, S. King, B. Anderson, T. Beall, P. J. Jovenal, M. Mangon, D. Beall, M. O'Brien, M. Fox, A. Lemley, T. Saffell, F. Beall, M. Saffell, G. Jovenal, A. McGuire, S. Jovenal, K. Griffin, M. Price, M. Griffin, R. E. Burns, Joseph S. Clark, Mr. Neagle, Mr. McDonald, J. J. Neagle, James S. McDonough.

To Vote for President.

Voting for Presidential candidates in charge of Mr. Ward.

Flower booth in charge of Miss Margaret Burke.

Postoffice in charge of Misses Martin, Tobin, and Lough.

Grabrag, in charge of Miss Beatrice Ward.

Confectionery table in charge of Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Cassidy, assisted by Miss Florence Cassidy, Miss Ella Cassidy, Miss Lilla Cassidy.

Ice cream table in charge of Mrs. William Finn, assisted by Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. May Patterson, Miss Helen Raul, Miss Margaret Finn, Mrs. Theresa Finn, Miss Marion King, Miss Mary Nicholson, Miss Helen Murphy, Miss Annie Burke, William Johnson, Miss Lilla Mahoney, Miss Irene Lewis, Peanuts, candy, and popcorn table, in charge of Miss Margaret Finn, assisted by Misses Irene Patterson, Annie Leaman, Miss Margaret Patterson.

Zoo and curiosity shop in charge of the St. Martin's baseball team, under Captain Waple.

Music for the concert and dancing under Fred McCarthy.

BRAVE KNIGHTS WILL TILT FOR TROPHIES

**Marshall Hall Annual Tournament for
Love and Money Will Be Held
Wednesday.**

An annual event at Marshall Hall that is looked forward to with the greatest anticipation by all of the residents within miles of this historic resort, as well as by the citizens of Washington who enjoy a quiet sail down the Potomac and a pleasant place in which to spend an evening, is the annual tournament and dress ball which has been an institution at this place for the past twenty years.

This year the affair will take place Wednesday, August 31, and from the entries which have been received at the time from ambitious knights, it bids fair to be the most successful one ever held at the Hall.

The dress ball will begin in the evening at 8:30 o'clock. The distribution of prizes will follow.

The distance at the tournament will be sixty yards with a time limit of six seconds, and all knights must ride in costume. The tilting will commence Monday, and the prizes will be distributed at the entrance money of those who enter the tournament, to which has been added \$500 by the management of Marshall Hall.

The steamer Macalester will leave on the day of the tournament from the Seventh Street wharf at 10 a. m. and 2:30 and 5:30 p. m. Returning, the boats will leave Marshall Hall at 12:45, 4:45, 8 and 11 p. m. Stages will be made at Alexandria, Fort Poote and Fort Washington en route.

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**Marcia M. Burrows, Who Says She Is Not
Herself, Accepts Her Fate With Unex-
pected Grace.**

Marcia M. Burrows—the strenuous young woman who declares up and down she is not her own self—has indefinitely taken up quarters over across the river at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane. She became a guest of the asylum at the instance of a marshal's jury, which concluded after hearing testimony in her case that she was mentally deranged.

Her first day in the hospital she passed without incident, and the announcement was made last evening that she was resting quietly. Owing to the young woman's erratic tendencies it was feared she would make a vigorous protest against the action of the jury, but according to authorities of the institution she is accepting her fate with unexpected grace.

Owed Board Bill.

Marcia M. Burrows was arrested several weeks ago with Martha Wilson, supposed to be her mother, on the charge of non-payment of a board bill. During her detention in the jail she steadfastly refused to make a statement, and it was not until she appeared before the jury that she found her voice. Then what she said, she said with a vengeance.

At the trial she conducted her own defense, and although her method of

carrying on the case didn't exactly substantiate the report that she is a graduate of both law and medical schools, she nevertheless tried to obtain her own freedom on a technicality.

Denies Her Identity.

When her case was called by Attorney John M. George, of Corporation Counsel's office, she rose and dramatically announced that her name is not Marcia M. Burrows, and demanded that the authorities produce "Marcia M. Burrows" if they knew her.

In the event of their not being able to do this, she demanded that the proceedings against her be dismissed. So far as she is concerned the subject of the inquiry stated with much positiveness that she does not know any such person as Marcia M. Burrows. "It is not my name," she said.

When cross-examining the physicians who testified she is insane, she frequently asked, "When you made an examination of this woman," and "Do you know this woman to be Marcia M. Burrows?" and similar questions, always intimating that Marcia M. Burrows and herself were two entirely distinct and different persons.

The physicians in reply would, however, always say, "When I examined you, etc."

The woman refused to testify in her own defense and was committed to the asylum for the insane.

NEW SHIP READY FOR LOCAL "JACKS"

**Naval Reserves Leave Washington for Philadelphia Sat-
urday to Take Charge of the Puritan.**

"The rover's life is the life for me," said Lieutenant Commander R. B. Brummett, of the District Naval Battalion, as he sat at his desk in the Navy Department, yesterday morning.

"Why the song?" asked one of his fellow clerks. "Haven't you heard?" was the reply; "why, we have received our appropriation, and are off next Saturday for Philadelphia and the good ship Puritan."

By "we" was meant the District Naval Battalion, consisting of 185 officers and men, and the Puritan he referred to is the latest addition to the District navy. It is a regular fighting monitor, with a tonnage of over 6,000, and Washingtonians are justly proud of their acquisition.

The first step toward taking formal possession will be taken on Monday, when the local paymaster and his department, consisting of a pay clerk, a yeoman, and "Jack of the Dusty," will leave for Philadelphia, where they will store the ship with provisions, and all other things necessary for the cruise. Saturday the Reserves, under the command of Lieutenant Commander Brummett will follow him, and on arriving in Philadelphia will find into line and march on board.

The ship and its new occupants will remain at the League Island navy yard for three days. Then, with the officers, under the instruction of a captain in the United States Navy, and with the men instructed by seventy-nine old experienced sailors, they will hoist anchor and start for home.

Upon the arrival at Washington their instructors will go ashore and leave the monitor in absolute control of the reserves. The new crew will take the ship to her harbor, which is just off the Arsenal, and outside the steamboat channel.

The length of the trip will depend on the amount of the appropriation. About \$2,541.10 is the estimated and expected amount appropriated for the trip, and

should this be correct, the crew will return to Washington, September 18, about fifteen days after starting. Were it desired, the voyage from Philadelphia to Washington could easily be made in two days, but owing to the inexperience of the men, it has been decided to take the trip by easy stages, so that the beginners may become familiar with the handling of the vessel.

Owing to the failure of five commands of the National Guard to present their pay rolls, arrangements for the trip were delayed.

The last roll came in yesterday, however, and the reserves are correspondingly delighted.

Before the Puritan was assigned to the District of Columbia, the Naval Reserves were conspicuous mainly by their minority; afterwards—what a difference! So overrun was the office by men eager for enlistment, that it was necessary to appoint an assistant chief of four officers who were on the value of the recruits.

From taking any and every one, merely to fill up the ranks, only the most desirable men were chosen, and in a short time the ship and its new occupants will be ready for the cruise.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception of the monitor. A large number of volunteers will probably be delivered by Commissioner Macfarland, and altogether it will be a gala day.

HORSE BITES OFF A NEGRO'S LEFT EAR

Jacob Payne, colored, who lives at 1165 O Street southeast, while working with the men constructed by seventy-nine old experienced sailors, they will hoist anchor and start for home.

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NEGRO'S LEG BRUISED.
While working at the Filtration Plant, Joseph Evans, a negro, twenty-five years old, of 285 Pennsylvania Street northwest, had his leg bruised. He was removed to Freedman's Hospital in an ambulance.

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